



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Michael Hitchcock
President
Hitchcock Scrap Yard, Inc.
P.O. Box 14
Bryant, Illinois 61519

Re: Administrative Order EPA-5-14-113(a)-IL-14

Dear Mr. Hitchcock,

Enclosed is an executed original of the Administrative Consent Order regarding the above captioned case. If you have any questions about the Order, please contact me at (312) 886-6797.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Marshall", is written over a horizontal line.

Sarah Marshall
Chief
Air Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Section (MI/WT)

Enclosure:

cc: Regional Hearing Clerk, E-19J
Joanna Glowacki, C-14J
Eric Jones, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Enclosure

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5**

In the Matter of:)	EPA-5-14-113(a)-IL-14
)	
Hitchcock Scrap Yard, Inc.)	Proceeding Under Sections
Canton, Illinois)	113(a)(3) and 114(a)(1)
)	of the Clean Air Act,
_____)	42 U.S.C. §§ 7413(a)(3) and 7414(a)(1)

Administrative Consent Order

1. The Director of the Air and Radiation Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 (EPA), is entering into this Administrative Consent Order (Order) with Hitchcock Scrap Yard, Inc. (Hitchcock), 22501 North State Highway 78, Canton, Illinois, under Sections 113(a)(3) and 114(a)(1) of the Clean Air Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. §§ 7413(a)(3) and 7414(a)(1).

I. Statutory and Regulatory Background

2. Section 113(a)(3)(B) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3)(B), authorizes the Administrator of EPA to issue an order requiring compliance with Subchapter VI of the Act to any person who has violated or is violating any requirement of Subchapter VI. The Administrator of EPA has delegated her order authority to the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 5 pursuant to EPA Headquarters Delegation 7-6-A. The Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 5, has delegated her order authority to the Director of the Air and Radiation Division pursuant to EPA Region 5 Delegation 7-6-A.

3. The Administrator of EPA may require any person who owns or operates an emission source to make reports and provide information required by the Administrator under Section 114(a)(1) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7414(a)(1). The Administrator of EPA has delegated

her information gathering authority to the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 5 pursuant to EPA Headquarters Delegation 7-8. The Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 5, has delegated her information gathering authority to the Director of the Air and Radiation Division pursuant to EPA Region 5 Delegation 7-8.

4. Subchapter VI of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7671, *et seq.* provides for the protection of stratospheric ozone. Section 608(b) of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7671g(b) provides EPA with the authority to regulate the safe disposal of class I and II substances. Class I and II substances include refrigerants containing chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs). EPA promulgated such regulations covering the safe disposal of CFCs and HCFCs from small appliances and motor vehicle air conditioners at 58 Fed. Reg. 28660 (May 14, 1993). These regulations for protection of the stratospheric ozone, recycling and emissions reduction are found in 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F.

5. Effective July 13, 1993, persons who take the final step in the disposal process (including but not limited to scrap recyclers) of small appliances must either recover the refrigerant in accordance with specific procedures or verify with signed statements that the refrigerant was properly recovered prior to receipt of the small appliance. See 40 C.F.R. § 82.156(f). If verification statements are used then the scrap recycler must notify the suppliers of the small appliance of the need to properly recover the refrigerant. See 40 C.F.R. § 82.156(f)(3). The scrap recycler must keep verification statements on-site for a minimum of three years. See 40 C.F.R. § 82.166(i) and (m).

6. EPA's regulations for the protection of the stratospheric ozone, recycling and emissions reduction define a "small appliance" as any appliance that is fully manufactured, charged, and hermetically sealed in a factory with five pounds or less of a class I or class II

substance used as a refrigerant, including, but not limited to, refrigerators and freezers (designed for home, commercial, or consumer use), medical or industrial research refrigeration equipment, room air conditioners (including window air conditioners and packaged terminal air heat pumps), dehumidifiers, under the counter ice makers, vending machines, and drinking water coolers. See 40 C.F.R. § 82.152.

II. Findings

7. Hitchcock owns and operates a scrap metal recycling facility at 22501 North State Highway 78, Canton, Illinois (the Facility).

8. Hitchcock is a corporation organized and doing business in Illinois.

9. Hitchcock is a "person," as defined by 40 C.F.R. § 82.152.

10. Hitchcock is a person who takes the final step in the disposal process of small appliances and is subject to the requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F.

11. At the Facility, Hitchcock has accepted small appliances without either recovering refrigerant or obtaining verification statements that meet the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 82.156(f).

12. On October 12, 2012, EPA inspected the facility to assess Hitchcock's compliance with the CAA.

13. On May 5, 2013, EPA issued Hitchcock a Finding of Violation alleging that Hitchcock has violated 40 C.F.R. § 82.156(f), because it neither recovered refrigerant from small appliances nor obtained proper verification statements before accepting small appliances.

14. On May 20, 2013, Hitchcock conferred with EPA concerning the violations referenced in paragraph 13.

III. Compliance Program

15. Hitchcock must comply with 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F. Additionally, for any small appliance that it receives at the Facility, Hitchcock must take the actions and maintain compliance as specified in paragraphs 16 through 22, below, for two years after the effective date of this Order.

16. Hitchcock must not accept small appliances with cut or dismantled refrigerant lines if it knows or has reason to know that the refrigerant has not been properly recovered in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 82.156(g) and (h).

17. Hitchcock must not accept small appliances with cut or dismantled refrigerant lines unless its supplier can certify, using the verification statement included as Attachment 1 to this Order, that all refrigerant that had not leaked previously has been properly recovered. For suppliers with whom Hitchcock has had a long-standing business relationship, this requirement may be satisfied by Hitchcock entering into the contract included as Attachment 2 to this Order.

18. Hitchcock may accept small appliances with intact refrigerant lines provided it uses refrigerant recovery equipment as described in paragraphs 22-23, below, to remove any remaining refrigerant.

19. Hitchcock must notify its suppliers in writing that it will not accept small appliances with cut or dismantled refrigerant lines, unless the suppliers can certify that the refrigerant was properly recovered prior to cutting or dismantling the refrigerant lines using the verification statement included as Attachment 1 to this Order or the contract included as Attachment 2 to this Order.

20. Hitchcock must notify its suppliers in writing that it will provide refrigerant recovery services at no additional cost or reduction in the value of the scrap.

21. Hitchcock may satisfy the notice requirements of paragraphs 19 and 20 with a warning sign consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 82.156(f)(3) that is prominently displayed at its weigh station during the period of time that this Order is in effect.

22. Hitchcock must use the equipment that it previously purchased to recover refrigerant from small appliances, or contract the services of a trained individual to recover refrigerant from small appliances. Hitchcock will ensure that the individual using this equipment is properly trained.

23. Hitchcock must use the refrigerant recovery log included as Attachment 3 to this Order. Hitchcock must retain copies of receipts for all refrigerant it collects and sends to any other companies for reclamation. Hitchcock must also document the small appliances it rejects, the date the appliance was rejected, and the reason for rejecting the item(s).

24. Within six months after the effective date of this Order and at one year after the effective date of this Order, Hitchcock must submit to EPA proof of its compliance with the notice requirements of paragraphs 19 and 20, and that it is using the equipment with an individual trained in recovering refrigerant as required by paragraph 22.

25. Within six months after the effective date of this Order and at one year after the effective date of this Order, Hitchcock must submit to EPA a copy of its refrigerant log, the information required by paragraph 23, above, and any verification statements used pursuant to this Order.

26. Hitchcock must send all reports required by this Order to:

Attention: Compliance Tracker (AE-17J)
Air Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch
EPA, Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

IV. General Provisions

27. Hitchcock agrees to the terms of this Order.
28. Hitchcock waives all remedies, claims for relief and otherwise available rights to judicial or administrative review that Hitchcock may have with respect to any issue of fact or law set forth in this Order, including any right of judicial review under Section 307(b) of the Act.
29. This Order does not affect Hitchcock's responsibility to comply with other federal, state, and local laws.
30. This Order does not restrict EPA's authority to enforce any requirement of the Act or its implementing regulations.
31. Failure to comply with this Order may subject Hitchcock to penalties of up to \$37,500 per day for each violation under Section 113 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413, and 40 C.F.R. Part 19.
32. Hitchcock may assert a claim of business confidentiality under 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B, for any portion of the information it submits to EPA. Information subject to a business confidentiality claim is available to the public only to the extent allowed by 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If Hitchcock fails to assert a business confidentiality claim, EPA may make all submitted information available, without further notice, to any member of the public who requests it. Emission data provided under Section 114 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7414, is not entitled to confidential treatment under 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. "Emission data" is defined at 40 C.F.R. § 2.301.
33. This Order is not subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. § 3501 *et seq.*, because it seeks collection of information by an agency from specific individuals or entities as part of an administrative action or investigation. To aid in our electronic record keeping

efforts, please provide your response(s) to this Order without staples. Paper clips, binder clips, and 3-ring binders are acceptable.

34. The terms of this Order are binding on Hitchcock, its assignees, and successors. Hitchcock must give notice of this Order to any successors in interest prior to transferring ownership and must simultaneously verify to EPA that it has given the notice.

35. EPA may use any information submitted under this Order in an administrative, civil, judicial, or criminal action.

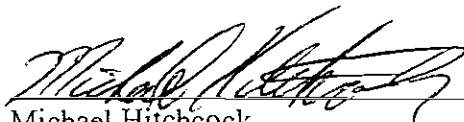
36. This Order is effective on the date of signature by the Director. This Order will terminate two years from the effective date, provided that Hitchcock has complied with all terms of the Order throughout its duration. Thereafter, Hitchcock shall continue to comply with 40 C.F.R. Part 82, Subpart F.

37. Each person signing this Order certifies that he or she has the authority to sign for the party whom he or she represents and to bind that party to its terms.

38. Each party agrees to pay its own costs and attorneys' fees in this action.

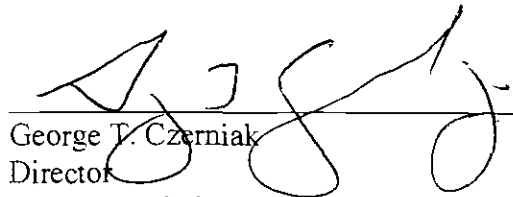
39. This Order constitutes the entire agreement between the parties.

4-11-14
Date



Michael Hitchcock
President
Hitchcock Scrap Yard, Inc.

4/30/14
Date



George T. Czerniak
Director
Air and Radiation Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

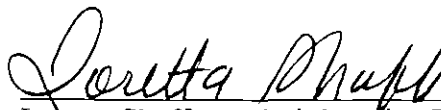
I, Loretta Shaffer, certify that I sent the Administrative Consent Order, EPA-5-14-113(a)-IL-14, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to:

Mr. Michael Hitchcock
President
Hitchcock Scrap Yard, Inc.
P.O. Box 14
Bryant, Illinois 61519

I also certify that I sent a copy of the Administrative Consent Order, EPA-5-14-113(a)-IL-14, by first-class mail to:

Eric Jones
Manager, Bureau of Air
Compliance and Enforcement Section
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62702

On the 7 day of May 2014.



Loretta Shaffer, Administrative Program Assistant
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